

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following Claims as indicated:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for mounting a heavy machine to a support, the heavy machine defining a lower surface with front and rear mounting apertures extending therethrough, the system comprising:

a frame including first and second longitudinal members each provided with a U-shaped channel;

at least one cross member for operatively connecting the longitudinal members at a predetermined spaced relation generally corresponding to a distance between the front and rear mounting apertures of the heavy machine; and

at least one fastening element mounted to a respective U-shaped channel of each longitudinal member and adapted for longitudinal movement relative thereto configured to move therein along a plurality of paths extending transversely to one another, ~~the one fastening member configured~~ for reception within a respective mounting aperture of the machine ~~and being adapted~~ to secure the heavy machine to the frame.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 2 1, wherein the at least one fastening element is adapted for pivotal, longitudinal and lateral movement relative to ~~the~~ a respective one of the first and second longitudinal member members to facilitate alignment with the respective mounting aperture.

4. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one fastening ~~member element~~ includes a fastening bolt, a washer and a coil spring mounted to the bolt, the washer having a width smaller than a width of the U-shaped channel of the first and second longitudinal members to allow the coil spring to move on a bottom of the respective U-shaped channel to a position wherein the fastening bolt is received within the respective mounting aperture of the machine.

Please add the following new claim:

5. (Newly added) A mounting system, comprising:

a machine having a lower surface with front and rear mounting apertures;

a frame configured to support the lower surface and provided with:

first and second longitudinal members each having a U-shaped channel;

at least one cross member configured to selectively adjust a distance between the longitudinal members and to connect the longitudinal members upon establishing a spaced relationship therebetween generally corresponding to a distance between the front and rear mounting apertures; and

at least one fastening element mounted to a respective U-shaped channel of each longitudinal member and configured to move therein along a plurality of paths extending transversely to one another for reception within a respective one of the front and rear mounting apertures to secure the machine to the frame.

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